

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1300**

April 8, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the *Good News for Students Act*. Declares a student journalist has the right to exercise freedom of speech and freedom of the press in institution-sponsored student media, including determining the news and opinion content of institution-sponsored student media regardless of financial, subject course, or campus related affiliations. Prohibits a public institution of higher education from retaliating against a student media adviser for protecting a student journalist or refusing to infringe on the conduct that is allowed under this act.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-7-2405(a)(2), public institutions of higher education are required to be committed to giving students the broadest possible latitude to speak, write, listen, challenge, learn, and discuss any issue, subject to other restrictions in existing code.
- Based on information provided by the locally governed institutions, the Tennessee Board of Regents, and the University of Tennessee system, the proposed legislation can be accommodated within existing resources; therefore, any fiscal impact to state government is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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